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MEMORANDUM FOR:



SUBJECT : Coup Flap

1. Attached for your information is a series of documents that were flying around during the night of 9/10 December in connection with a flap generated by coup rumors from Saigon.

2. The flap started with the receipt in Washington of MAC 15919, which the Director asked me to handle by looking into the problem and preparing a note for him to send to Kissinger. I sent the attached flash message to Saigon and wrote the attached memorandum prior to receipt of its answer. Shortly after the memorandum was finished, we received MAC 15926 and soon after that received a fuller explanation of what was going on via SAIGON [ ] The i's were dotted and the t's crossed early this morning (10 December) with the receipt of SAIGON [ ]

3. The Director sent my memorandum to Kissinger at around 1900 on 9 December. Shortly after he had received and read Saigon's first report (i. e., [ ]) At the present time this whole mess would appear to be a teapot tempest existing in [ ] excitable mind rather than in the world of Vietnamese political reality. So far as I am concerned the incident is now closed.

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Attachments

1- Coup Rumors w/atts  
1- SAC Chiens w/atts  
1- H.A. Chiens w/atts

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